

ABSTRACT

Image forming devices and methods of forming hard images are provided. According to one aspect, an image forming device includes a housing including a media path arranged to guide media; a sensor configured to obtain
5 encoded data from the media and to output a signal indicative of the encoded data; and imaging circuitry configured to form hard images upon the media, to receive the signal and to perform at least one function with respect to the formation of the hard images within the image forming device responsive to the encoded data indicated within the signal.